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Mr. Jeffrey R. Miller Acting Administrator National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 400 Seventh Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Miller:

Your letter to the Director regarding the "Buckle Up America" campaign has been referred to the Office of Medical Services.

The prevention of motor vehicle injuries and deaths to employees, both on and off the job, is a major concern. We were very glad to participate in the "Buckle Up America" campaign and feel that the special emphasis and activities were very effective. We have one individual devoting full time to implementation of our Motor Vehicle Safety Program. Use of safety belts is promoted widely to our employees, i.e., a policy statement was issued requiring the use of safety belts in official vehicles and encouraging their use in personal Two employee bulletins were published regarding the Agency's participation in "Buckle Up America" week 22-29 May 1989. Brochures regarding safety belt use were distributed to employees, and signs were posted reminding employees to use safety belts. The use of safety belts is being promoted in each safety course presented by the Safety Division. Analysis of motor vehicle accidents revealed 90 percent use of safety belts.

Please be assured that the use of safety belts by employees of this Agency will continue to receive major emphasis in our safety program.

	Sincerely,				
	Director of Medical Services				
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The Administrator

Honorable William H. Webster Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Webster:

On behalf of the Department of Transportation, I would like to thank you and Gary Foster, your Designated Agency Safety and Health Official, for supporting and participating in the 1989 "Buckle Up America" campaign, a program to promote greater awareness and usage of safety belts.

National data show that over 33 percent of all on-the-job fatalities are motor vehicle-related. Employees are subject to an even greater risk of death and injury off the job. The National Safety Council reports that 23,700 employees were killed and 900,000 suffered disabling injuries as a result of motor vehicle crashes off the job in 1987. Much of this trauma could be prevented by the regular use of safety belts, both on and off the job.

Motor vehicle injuries affect the Federal Government, just as they do other large employers. Each year, many Federal employees are injured or killed in traffic crashes. That means productivity losses for the Government, as well as personal suffering for the victims and their families. Presidential Executive Order 12566, which requires on-the-job belt use by Federal employees, sets the tone for a Government-wide effort to reduce these losses and to set a positive example for other employers. Your agency's safety belt initiatives will help us to achieve the program's potential. As your program activities continue, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will be glad to provide any additional assistance you may need. We also look forward to receiving a brief summary of your 1989 safety belt campaign.

Again, thank you for supporting this important employee health and safety initiative.

Sincerely.

Jeffrey R. Miller Agting Administrator

cc: Gary Foster

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